--In accordance with another aspect of the present invention, there is provided the negative electrode active material for use in the alkaline cell as described above, with an average particle size of 100 μm or less.--

Replace the second paragraph on page 8 of the Substitute Specification with the following paragraph:

--It is considered that P_{02} is constant in this case so that formula (5) can be restated as follows:

$$Ki' = [Zn_i \bullet] \bullet [e^-] \qquad (6)$$ --.

Replace the last paragraph on page 12 of the Substitute Specification with the following paragraph:

--From the test results, it has been confirmed that mixing of metallic indium is effective in controlling gas generation, since the gas generation was gradually decreased with an increase of metallic indium mixing in each sample.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 6 to 8 and 12 to read as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A negative electrode active material for use in an alkaline cell comprising a dry mixture of a conventional alloyed zinc powder and a powder of Bi as an additional metal.